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SUBJECT: DEBT RESCHEDULING FOR NORTH KOREA

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1. ECON/COMM MIN INFORMED MFA ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAUTENSCHLAGER SEPTEMBER 26 OF US SUPPORT FOR FRG POSITION AND THAT WE ARE CONVEYING OUR VIEWS TO OTHER CREDITOR CAPITALS. ECON/COMM MINISTER MENTIONED THAT RESCHEDULING WAS OBJECTIONABLE FOR ECONOMIC REASONS ALONE, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SERIOUS POLITICAL OBJECTIONS AS WELL.

2. LAUTENSCHLAGER SAID HE APPRECIATED US SUPPORT IN FRG EFFORTS TO WARD OFF RESCHEDULING BUT SAID THAT THE BEST ASSISTANCE THAT WE COULD GIVE WOULD BE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS. HE WAS MOST FEARFUL THAT THE FRENCH USING THEIR MFN FORMULA WOULD PUSH THE FRG INTO A CORNER WHICH WOULD BE BAD IN ITSELF AND CREATE AN UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT FOR THE FUTURE.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION MUELLER-THUNS IN ECONMIN INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HE WAS ON POINT OF SIGNING
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LETTER OFFICIALLY INFORMING FRENCH OF FRG OPPOSITION

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TO RESCHEDULING NORTH KOREA DEBT. HE EXPRESSED
PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT THE NEED TO HOLD THE LINE
AGAINST A GENERAL RELAXATION OF DEBT RESCHEDULING
CRITERIA, AND IN THIS CONNECTION THE BAD PRECEDENT
THAT WOULD BE CAUSED BY RESCHEDULING NORTH KOREA DEBT.
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